(c) The Consultative Committee (comprising of indentors, suppliers and DGS&D) Quality Assurance) Mechanism facilitates the selection of good quality items for rate contracts.

(d) The Government departments/Officers are normally expected to meet their requirements of stores through DGS&D Rate contract. However as per GFR Rule 147(1), Government Officer can go for purchases for open market, if items are available at lower rates than the rate contract provided the other salient terms and conditions of the purchase are in line with those specified in the rate contract.

(e) Does not arise.

Reducing export quota of steel

2286. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to reduce the export quota of steel industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. There is no quota or restrictions on exports of iron and steel.

(b) Does not arise.

Acquisition of land for industries

†2287. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agricultural land, Government land and forest land acquired for establishement of industries in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the number of farmers affected thereby in each State;

(c) the land out of the above land used by the Industrial Development Corporations in the three States; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of the industries set up and commenced by the persons to whom land was provided by Industrial Development Corporation in the three States for setting up of industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual increase in manufacturing sector

2288. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average rate of annual production in manufacturing sector in the country has increased continuously during the period of the years of 2000-01 to 2005-06;

(b) if so, the rate of annual production during the said period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no indication of annual increase in the export from this sector; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the average of annual export to the total export, during the said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The growth of the manufacturing sector, measured in terms of index of Industrial Production (IIP), was 5.3% in 2000-01, 2.9% in 2001-02, 6.0% in 2002-03, 7.4% in 2003-04, 9.2% in 2004-05, and 9.1% in 2005-06.

(c) and (d) Annual growth of exports of manufactured products and their share to the total exports from 2000-01 to 2005-06 are as follows: